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1. DAILIES OF SEPT 14 PERCEIVE SPECIAL AMERICAN ACTIVITY
AS CAMP DAVID SUMMIT DRAWS TO CLOSE. WEEKLY COMMUNIST ATTALIA'
HEADLINES FOCUS ON POSSIBILITIES OF AMERICAN MILITARY PRESENCE IN
AREA. EDITORIALS COVER DIVERSE TOPICS (OIL AS WEAPON, ARAB
LEAGUE, REJECTIONIST STATES CONFERENCE) WITH ALL TYING IN TO
CAMP DAVID.

2. MODERATE AL QUDS HEADLINES "CARTER SUGGESTS COMPROMISE
SOLUTION; THREE DELEGATIONS TRY TO FORMULATE JOINT TEXT ON
PALESTINIANS; ISRAEL APPROVES WITHDRAWAL FROM INHABITED AREAS
AND EGYPT REQUESTS TOTAL WITHDRAWAL." A LESS FEATURED ARTICLE
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CARRIES A WIRE SERVICE REPORT THAT A SOVIET DELEGATION ARRIVES
IN AMMAN TODAY TO HOLD DISCUSSIONS REGARDING THE "AREA CONFLICT."
IN ITS EDITORIAL, "ARAB OIL IS FOR NON-ARABS," AL QUDS CALLS
FOR THE USE OF THE "OIL WEAPON" ALTHOUGH IT "DOES NOT NECESSARILY
MEAN AN EMBARGO...WHICH MIGHT EFFECT SENSITIVE INTERNATIONAL
NERVES." THE PAPER SUGGESTS "USING ITS INCOME IN A RATIONAL
AND NOT NECESSARILY DESTRUCTIVE MANNER" THAT WOULD MAKE IT

AN "EFFECTIVE WEAPON" FOR THE ARAB CAUSE "BY BUILDING ARAB POTENTIAL AND PROVIDING THE ARABS WITH INDUSTRY. LEAVING OIL PROFITS IN BANKS IN EUROPE AND THE ARABS WITH INDUSTRY. LEAVING OIL PROFITS IN BANKS IN EUROPE AND THE US ONLY BENEFITS INDIVIDUALS," THE PAPER ADDS, CONCLUDING "ARAB SYMPATHY FOR THE WHOLE WORLD HAS NO JUSTIFICATION AS LONG AS THE WORLD DOES NOT SUPPORT OUR CAUSES."

3. PRO-PLO AL FAJR BANNERS "US PRESSES...BUT ON EGYPT*" AND "CARTER REQUESTS EGYPT NOT TO INSIST ON HIS REQUEST FOR ARAB SOVEREIGNTY FOR THE WEST BANK AND GAZA." THERE IS ALSO A FRONT PAGE ARTICLE ATTRIBUTED TO "AL BAATH" THAT THE US IS PLANNING TO ESTABLISH TWO BASES IN EGYPT AND IN ISRAEL. AL FAJR'S EDITORIAL CLAIMS THAT THE NEWS BLACKOUT AT CAMP DAVID HAS GIVEN THE US A "NUMBER OF ADVANTAGES," WHICH HAS "LEFT ALL THE STRINGS IN AMERICA'S HANDS" AND KEPT THE US FROM BEING "AN ACTIVE PARTNER" WHILE MAINTAINING THE IMAGE OF "ACTIVE EMISSARY." THE WRITER CONCLUDES "WHAT HAS LEAKED OUT OF CAMP DAVID IS ENOUGH TO EXPOSE AMERICA'S CONSPIRATORIAL ROLE." COMMENTATOR ZIAD ABU ZAYYAD BELIEVES "A POLITICAL SOLUTION WILL NOT BE ACHIEVED UNLESS A BASIC INTERNAL CHANGE TAKES PLACE IN THE MENTALITY OF ISRAEL'S LEADERSHIP REMOVING ALL HER FEARS AND MAKING HER ACCEPT (THE PALESTINIANS AS AN) EQUAL PARTNER AND NOT A SUBORDINATE PARTY." TO SEE THIS COMING SOON HE CONCLUDES IS "NOT LOGICAL" BUT HE IS WILLING TO WAIT "LIKE ABRAHAM" UNTIL HE FINDS HIS "TRUE GOD."
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4. NATIONALIST ASHA'B REPORTS "PRESIDENT CARTER TAKES UPON HIMSELF THE SEARCH FOR A COMPROMISE TO SAVE THE MEETING...." JODY POWELL IS REPORTED TO DISCLOSE "SERIOUS AND FRUITFUL" DISCUSSIONS ARE BEING HELD AS THE CONFERENCE DRAWS TO A CLOSE WITH "DELEGATIONS ACTIVELY NEGOTIATING AMONG THEMSELVES." IN COMMENTARY THE PAPER COMPLAINS THAT ARAB LEAGUE LEADER MAHMOUD RIAD "SHOULD HAVE EXPRESSED HIS OPINION OPENLY WITH A REJECTION OF THE CAMP DAVID SUMMIT" INSTEAD OF MOUTHING "BEAUTIFUL WORDS."

5. COMMUNIST WEEKLY ATTALIA' SURMISES IN ITS MAIN STORY THAT "ISRAEL AND EGYPT HAVE APPROVED CONTINUATION OF AMERICAN MEDIATIONS" EVEN THOUGH THE AMERICAN POSITION IS "CLOSER" TO THAT OF ISRAEL. A "HOT AUTUMN" IS EDITORIALY PREDICTED AFTER CAMP DAVID AS THE AREA DEALS WITH THE AMERICAN "HALF SOLUTION" THAT WILL ALLOW DETERMINATION OF BORDERS AFTER AN INTERIM FIVE YEARS AND THE "PROBLEMS OF AMERICAN MILITARY PRESENCE IN THE AREA," ALONG WITH THE SITUATION IN LEBANON. THE PAPER CALLS ON THE REJECTIONIST CONFERENCE FOLLOWING CAMP DAVID TO "SOLVE" THESE "SERIOUS AND DIFFICULT" RESPONSIBILITIES BECAUSE PRESIDENT CARTER HAS ALREADY "INSURED THE CONTINUATION OF

ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN CONTACTS THROUGH THE US IN CASE CAMP DAVID FAILS."

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